

BASKETBALL OPERATING PROCEDURES (WOMEN)

I. Playing Rules and Regulations

Rules governing GCAC regular-season and postseason play are the National Collegiate Athletics Association (NCAA) Women's Basketball Rules.

II. Game Officials

The GCAC women's basketball supervisor of officials will assign game officials. The supervisor will assign officials for all nonconference home games for each GCAC team and all intraconference (GCAC) play.

III. Game Management and Sportsmanship

All GCAC schools are expected to abide by the GCAC Game Management Policy for Basketball (Page 21) and the provisions of the GCAC By Laws, Article VI (Page 12).

IV. Frequency of Play and Scheduling

The maximum number of varsity playing dates that a NAIA institution may schedule is 32. The GCAC Commissioner will schedule all intraconference games and each coach/institution is responsible for scheduling all nonconference games. Additional rules governing the frequency of play and scheduling are specified in the NAIA Women's Basketball Coaching Manual and shall be followed by each GCAC women's basketball coach.

V. Awards

The GCAC will recognize the following performances with the appropriate award:

- 1-GCAC Regular Season Champion - Plaque
(awarded to the team that has the best GCAC regular season record)
- 1-GCAC Tournament Champion - Trophy
(awarded to the winner GCAC Tournament /Playoffs)
- 15-GCAC All-Conference Team - Plaque
(awarded to the players selected by the coaches)
- 1-GCAC Player-of-the-Year - Plaque
(awarded to the player selected by the coaches)
- 1-GCAC Newcomer-of-the-Year - Plaque
(awarded to the player selected by the coaches)
- 1-GCAC Freshman-of-the-Year - Plaque
(awarded to the player selected by the coaches)
- 1-GCAC Coach-of-the-Year - Plaque
(awarded to the coach selected by the coaches)

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VI. Postseason Playoffs/Tournament

The date, site and number of teams eligible to participate in postseason play will be determined annually by a majority vote of the coaches at the either the GCAC Spring Meeting or Fall Meeting prior to the start of the basketball season.

Seeding for the postseason playoffs will be based upon order of finish in intraconference play (i.e. regular season champion will be #1 seed; second place team will be #2 seed; third place team will be #3 seed; etc...) In the event of a tie, a tie-breaker system will be used: 1) Head-to-Head; 2) Head-to-Head record against conference opponents in order of their regular season finish beginning with the highest finishing team; and 3) coin toss. **Once the teams are seeded, the tournament will be played in bracket form.**

Any GCAC institution or external host can bid for the GCAC Women's Basketball Postseason Playoff by presenting a proposal at either the GCAC Spring Meeting or Fall Meeting.

The Player of the Year award will go to the individual who received the most points. The coaches' selection of All-Conference and All-American ratings will be conducted via a conference telephone call.

If the number of teams in the GCAC is sufficient to allow two guaranteed bids to the NAIA national tournament, one bid shall go to the champion of the regular season (tie-breakers apply if necessary) and the second bid shall go to the winner of the tournament. If the winner of the tournament and the regular season champion are the same, the second bid shall go to the team defeated in the finals of the tournament. If there is only one guaranteed bid to the NAIA national tournament, it shall go to the winner of the tournament.